

COUNTRY Poland

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SOURCE

Polish Troops in Allenstein.

1. Prior to May 1952, Polish units were quartered at the former Hindenburg Kaserne just northwest of the railroad station at Allenstein-Vorstadt (R 54/E 66) and at the former Artillerie Kaserne, northeast of this railroad station. Artillery units, armed with two different types of guns, were frequently observed on the road separating the two barracks installations. Source was not able to determine in which of the two barracks installations the respective units were quartered. The soldiers wore red ribbons around their caps.
2. Prior to the fall of 1951, the former Cavalry Barracks at the northern edge of the town, on the west side of the road to Guttstadt (R 54/E 68) were occupied to capacity by Polish troops of unidentified branches of service.
3. Prior to November 1951, Polish troops, who wore dark cap ribbons, were quartered at the former Kraftfahrer Kaserne located northeast of the town on the southeast side of the road to Wadang (R 54/E 66). The installation consisted of a four-story headquarters building, four four-story quartering buildings, a three-story administration and utility building, a motor vehicle workshop and several motor vehicle sheds. Soldiers who wore dark cap ribbons were quartered in the former Tank Kaserne, also called Wadanger Kaserne, located opposite the Kraftfahrer Kaserne.
4. Prior to June 1952, an officer candidate school was quartered at the former Jaeger Kaserne, also called Kortau Kaserne, located south of the town, on the road to Kortau (R 54/E 65), prior to June 1952. The soldiers wore long trousers with red stripes, 5 cm wide, and had 1 to 3 braids on the sleeves of their uniforms. Up to three company-size units were seen leaving the installation.<sup>1</sup> In addition to the officer candidate school it was generally known that at this installation apprentices and students received premilitary training for periods of six weeks.

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5. Source definitely knew that a WOP unit was stationed in the town and that a Polish general had his headquarters there. No Soviet troops were stationed in the town, except for three Soviet offices one of which was on former Wieland Strasse near the post office.<sup>2</sup>

Schivelbein and Bublitz.

6. No Polish or Soviet troops were in Schivelbein (O 54/M 30) prior to March 1951. However, in March 1951, it was rumored that Polish troops were to be quartered in the former RAD school, which was used as a resettler camp. The camp was located northeast of the town near the Schivelbein-Belgrad (O 55/M 43) railroad line. No military units were at Bublitz prior to February 1951.

Soviet Troops in and near Swiecie.

7. Prior to March 1951, Soviet troops were continuously observed on the streets and near the railroad station in Swiecie (Schwetz, Q 54/D 32). Prior to March 1952, Soviet soldiers with some trucks were quartered at the estate of the village of Schoenau (Przechowo), two km southwest of Schwetz (Swiecie). In the fall of 1947, Soviet troops were last seen in a camp of about 15 low wooden buildings at the southern edge of the town.<sup>3</sup>

- 25X1A 1. [ ] Comment. This school is believed to be identical with the NCO school in Allenstein previously reported. [ ]  
The number of braids on the sleeves indicate the total number of years a candidate has spent at the school.

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- 25X1A 2. [ ] Comment. The 15th Inf Div was carried as being stationed in Allenstein and the general mentioned in the present report may be the commanding general of this division. The presence in Allenstein of WOP units was repeatedly reported, but it is unknown whether a high-level WOP headquarters is stationed there.

- 25X1A 3. [ ] Comment. The assignment of this Soviet unit is unknown. It may have been a signal detail, responsible for the maintenance of the Gross-Born - Warsaw line of communication.

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